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REPLY BRIEF

The Examiner's Answer mailed February 26, 2008, (at top of Page 7) quoted from Appellant's brief the statement "The fact that key modification per se is known from the prior art ... certainly does render obvious the claimed invention". The word "not" was intended before "render", as is obvious from the words the examiner chose to omit: "manifestly does not render all inventions relating to key modification obvious, as apparently alleged by the Examiner, and". The error is regretted.

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